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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2004, claims 1, 9, 14, 16 and 17 have been amended. Claims 1-20 are in the case. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Office Action objected to the title of the invention as not being descriptive.

In response, the Applicants have amended the title as suggested by the Examiner to overcome this objection.

The Office Action rejected claims 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as having insufficient antecedent basis.

In response, the Applicants have amended claims 16 and 17 as suggested by the Examiner to correct the antecedent basis to overcome this rejection.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-15 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Weinberg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,237,006). The Office Action also rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weinberg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,237,006).

In response, the Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 9 and 14. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the newly amended claims.

With regard to the rejections under U.S.C. 102, the Applicants respectfully submit that Weinberg et al. reference does not disclose all of the claimed features claims 1-15 and 17-20. For example, Weinberg et al. simply disclose "graphically representing web sites and hierarchical node structures... for facilitating the analysis and management of web sites and Web site content."

In contrast, unlike Weinberg et al., Applicants' claims 1 and 9 includes "...graphically selecting a subset or group of the plurality of links via the graphical user interface...editing the plurality of links and the selected subset or group of links...and...automatically processing the plurality of links and the selected subset or group of links" With regard to claim 14, Weinberg et al. fail to disclose the Applicants' claimed "...graphical pointer configured to graphically select a subset or group of the plurality of links via the graphical user interface, wherein the parser is configured to edit the plurality of links and the selected subset or group of links..."

Hence, since the cited reference does not disclose all of the elements of the Applicants' claimed invention, the reference cannot anticipate the claims. As such, the

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Applicants' respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 should be withdrawn.

With regard to the rejection under U.S.C. 103(a) of claim 16, the Applicants submit that Weinberg et al. do not disclose, teach, or suggest all of the claimed features of the amended claims. Namely, although Weinberg et al. disclose a mapping component that scans a Web site and "...builds a site map which graphically depicts the URLs and links of the site...", Weinberg et al. clearly does not disclose, teach or suggest the Applicants' claimed graphically selecting a subset or group of the plurality of links and editing the plurality of links and the selected subset or group of links.

Accordingly, the Weinberg et al. reference cannot render the Applicants' invention obvious. This failure of the cited reference to disclose, suggest or provide motivation for the Applicants' claimed invention indicates a lack of a *prima facie* case of obviousness (MPEP 2143).

With regard to the rejection of the dependent claims, because they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, and they contain additional limitations that are patentably distinguishable over the cited references, these claims are also considered to be patentable (MPEP § 2143.03).

In view of the arguments and amendments set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejected claims are in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding claim rejections and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to expedite and further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly invite the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (818) 885-1575. Please note that all correspondence should continue to be directed to:

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